

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received **ONLY** in the office of the Purchasing Division at the Lafayette Consolidated Government Building, located at 705 W. University, Lafayette, Louisiana, until 10:00 a.m. Central Daylight Savings Time on the 31st day of October, 2006, for the following:

### **LOUIS "DOC" BONIN ELECTRIC GENERATING STATION RECONDITIONING OF UNIT #3 COOLING TOWER**

and will, shortly thereafter, be opened and read aloud in the Council Conference Room located at 705 West University Avenue, Lafayette, LA. Bids received after the above specified time for opening shall not be considered and shall be returned unopened to the sender.

The work under this contract shall consist of providing all labor, tools, equipment, materials, and other items required to perform general repairs to casing, basin, and sump structure, piping, ladders, fan stacks, fan and distribution decks, tower framework, and other related items in the existing Unit #3 circulating water cooling tower.

**All contractors are required to attend a mandatory Pre-Bid Conference which will be held at 9:00 a.m. Central Daylight Savings Time on October 11, 2006 at the Louis "Doc" Bonin Electric Generating Station Training Classroom located at 1120 Walker Rd., Lafayette, LA. 70506.** This is a secure location, so all bidders must be screened by security before entering the plant area and escorted to the meeting room. Bids will not be accepted or read from contractors who do not attend the pre-bid conference.

Copies of specifications are available at the office of Purchasing & Property Management located at 705 West University Avenue, P O Box 4017-C, Lafayette, Louisiana 70502. Telephone number (337) 291-8263 (Attn: Janece). Plans and specifications shall be available until twenty-four hours before the bid opening date.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond payable to the Lafayette Consolidated Government, the amount of which shall be five percent (5%) of the base bid plus additive alternates. If a bid bond is used, it shall be written by a surety or insurance company currently on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies which is published annually in the Federal Register, or by a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A-Rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide to write individual bonds up to ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide, or by an insurance company in good standing licensed to write bid bonds which is either domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana residents. The bid bond shall be issued by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana. The certified check, cashier's check or bid bond shall be given as a guarantee that the bidder shall execute the contract, should it be awarded to him, in conformity with the contract documents within ten (10) days.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for at least forty-five (45) days after the time scheduled for the opening of bids. Each bid shall be submitted only on the quotation form provided with the specifications. The successful contractor will be required to execute performance and labor and material payment bonds in the full amount of the contract as more fully defined in the bid documents.

Bids will be evaluated by the Purchaser based on the lowest responsible bid submitted which is also in compliance with the specifications. The Lafayette Consolidated Government reserves the

right to reject any and all bids or any portions thereof, to waive informalities and to select the material that best suits its needs.

Contractors or contracting firms submitting bids in the amount of \$50,000 or more shall certify that they are licensed contractors under Chapter 24 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and show their license number on the front of the sealed envelope in which their bid is enclosed. **Contractors shall be licensed for the classification of Water Cooling Towers and Accessories.** Bids in the amount of \$50,000 or more, not submitted in accordance with this requirement, shall be rejected and shall not be read. Additional information relative to licensing may be obtained from the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The Lafayette Consolidated Government strongly encourages the participation of DBEs (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) in all contract or procurements let by the Lafayette Consolidated Government for goods and services and labor and material. To that end, all contractors and suppliers are encouraged to utilize DBEs business enterprises in the purchase or sub-contracting of materials, supplies, services and labor and material in which disadvantaged business are available. Assistance in identifying said businesses may be obtained by calling 291-8410.

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